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ONE HERO AT A TIME

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Wayne Manor.
Gotham City.
Now.

ALFRED PENNYWORTH

BELOVED FATHER
AND GRANDFATHER

IT'S
A BIG
ASK.

THAT'S AN
UNDERSTATEMENT.

WE WOULDN'T
BE *ASKING* IF WE
DIDN'T THINK IT'S
WHAT'S *BEST*.

I'M NOT
SAYING
NO. I JUST
WORRY...

"...ABOUT
BLÜDHAVEN."

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NIGHTWING #100

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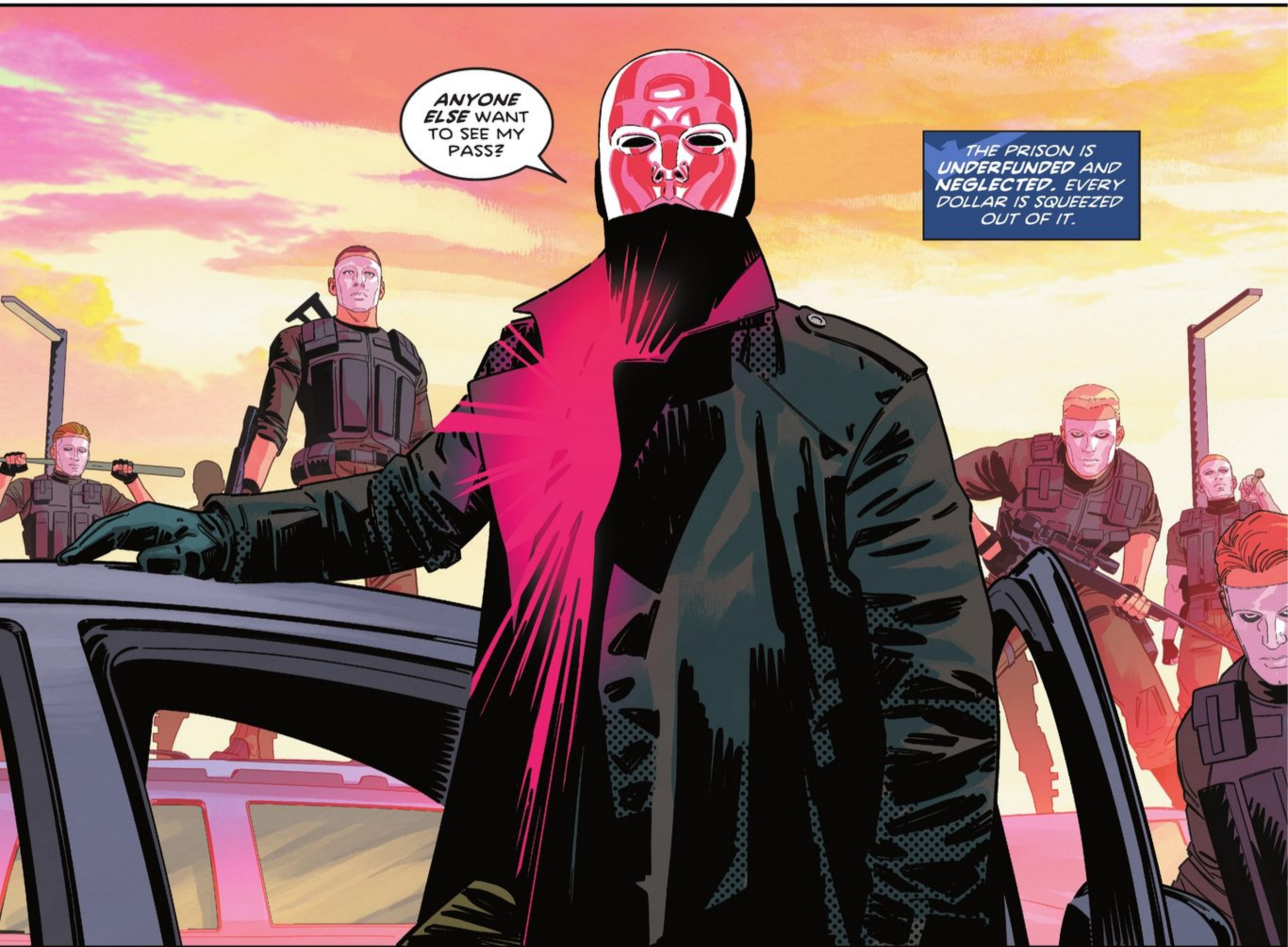
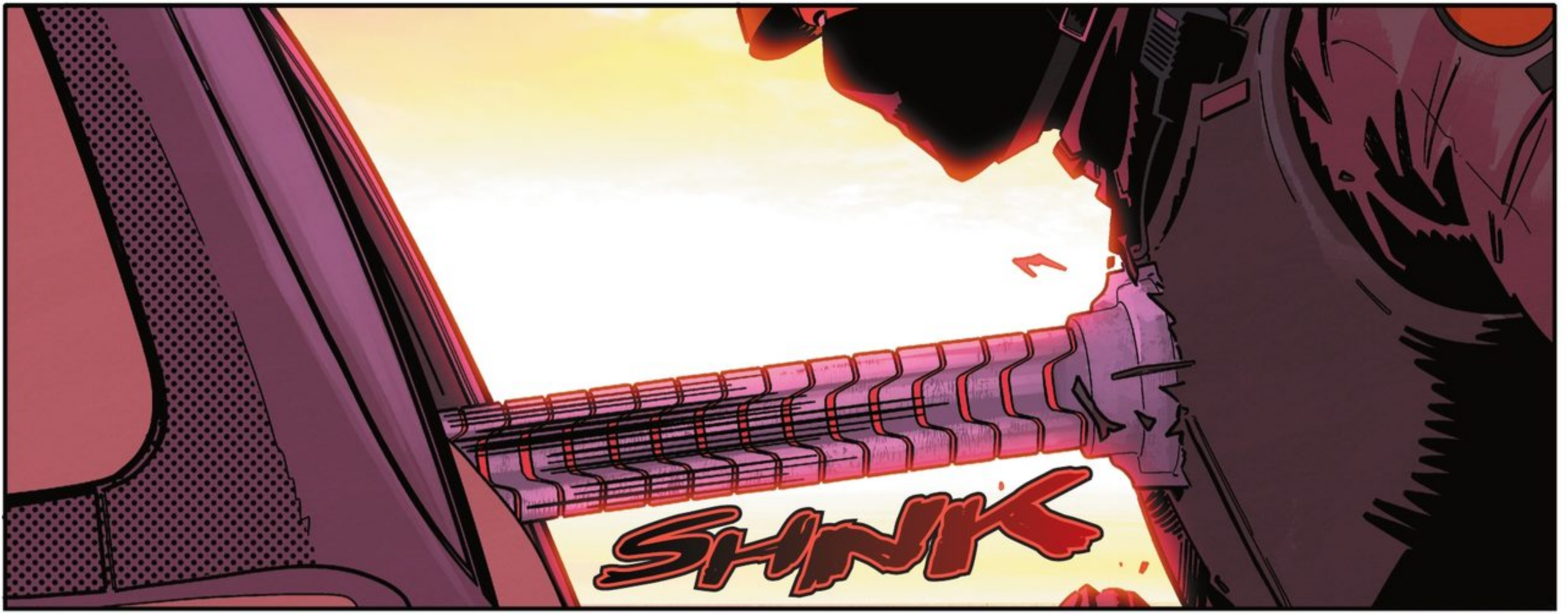
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BLÜDHAVEN PRIVATE
PRISON SITS ON THE
HARBOR NEXT TO
THE MAIN BRIDGE.

THE FIRST IMPRESSION
VISITORS HAVE OF OUR
CITY IS AN OPPRESSIVE,
RAZOR-WIRE-COVERED
SHRINE TO CRIME AND
CORRUPTION. IT'S...
NOT THE BEST.

Weeks ago.



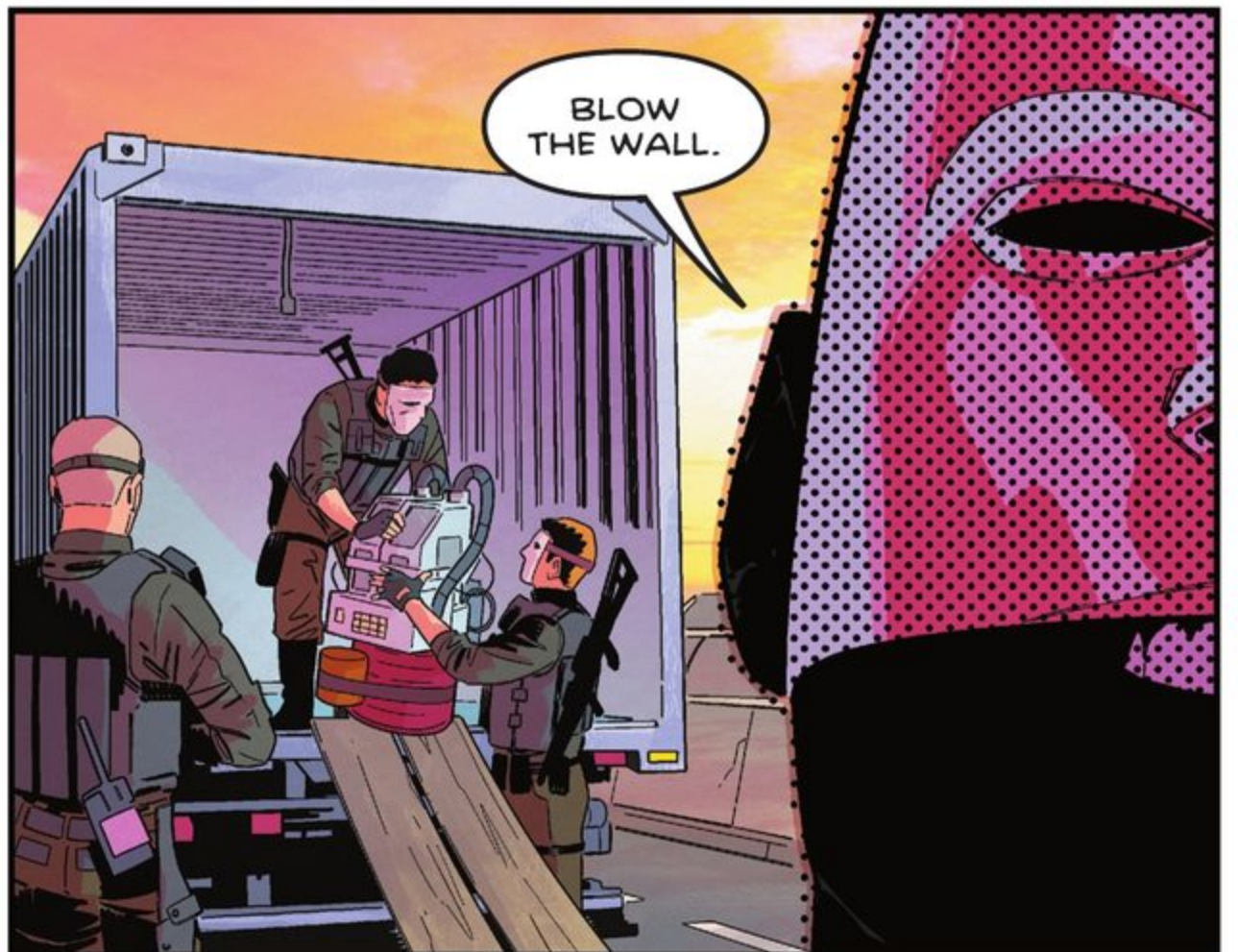


ANYONE ELSE WANT TO SEE MY PASS?

THE PRISON IS UNDERFUNDED AND NEGLECTED. EVERY DOLLAR IS SQUEEZED OUT OF IT.



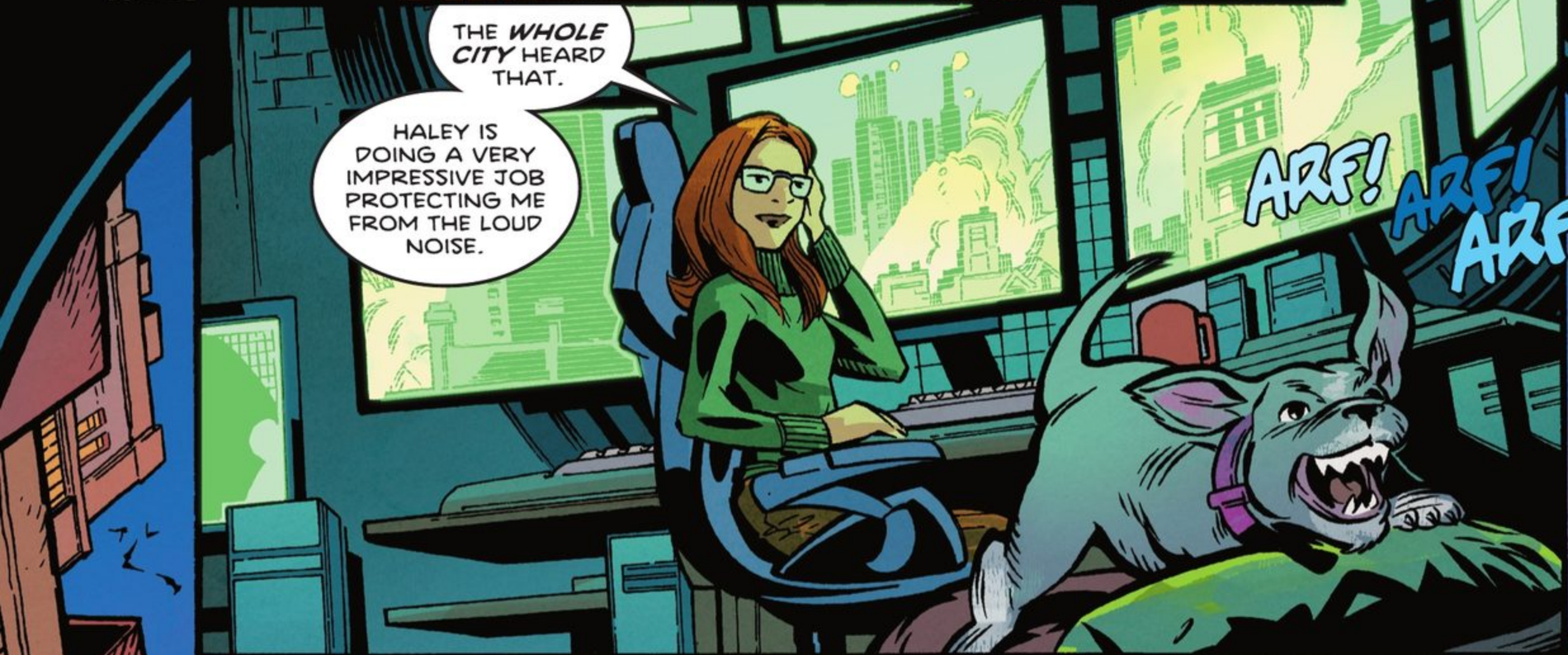
AND NO ONE WHO WORKS THERE IS PAID ENOUGH TO PUT THEIR LIFE ON THE LINE TO DEFEND IT.



BLOW THE WALL.



ORACLE.
DID YOU HEAR
THAT?



THE *WHOLE*
CITY HEARD
THAT.

HALEY IS
DOING A VERY
IMPRESSIVE JOB
PROTECTING ME
FROM THE LOUD
NOISE.

ARF! ARF!
ARF!



IT CAME
FROM THE
PRISON.

I'M
CHECKING
IT OUT.



THUD

OPEN THE CELLS. ALL OF THEM.

THERE ARE OVER THREE THOUSAND INMATES SQUEEZED INTO BLÜDHAVEN PRIVATE PRISON.

NEGLECTED, ANGRY PEOPLE, MANY HELD WITHOUT TRIAL, IN A SICK PARODY OF JUSTICE.



THAT MUCH RAGE. THAT MUCH INJUSTICE. IN THE WRONG HANDS, WITH THE WRONG MOTIVATION.

IT CAN BE HARNESSSED.

BLOCKBUSTER IS DEAD. I'M OFFERING A JOB TO ANYONE WHO WANTS ONE.

AND I'M OFFERING YOU GUNS AND ANONYMITY.

CREATE CHAOS. KILL ANYONE THAT STANDS IN YOUR WAY.

IT CAN BE AN ARMY.

THEY'VE TRIED TO BRING LAW AND ORDER TO THIS CITY.

REMINDE THEM THAT LAW AND ORDER HAVE NO PLACE IN BLÜDHAVEN.



ANATOLI.
THE KGBEAST.

WHO THE
HELL ARE
YOU?

THE CITY
HAS NAMED ME
HEARTLESS.



NIGHTWING
PUT YOU
AWAY.

HE
DID.

HE'S BEEN
HOLDING THIS
CITY TOGETHER.
WE'RE GOING TO PULL
IT APART, AND
HE WILL COME
RUNNING.



I WAS
THINKING
HE COULD
RUN INTO
YOU.



YES.

BUT IT'S
NOT JUST
REGULAR
PRISONERS
INSIDE...

THE PRISON IS ALSO HOME TO SOME OF THE MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINALS.

CAN YOU HEAR ME IN THERE?

I CAN HEAR YOU.

I'M GOING TO LET YOU OUT, BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR *ME* IN RETURN.

WHAT?

YOU'VE BEEN STUCK IN A VERY SMALL SPACE FOR A VERY LONG TIME. YOU MUST BE *RESTLESS* AND *ANGRY*.

YES.

ALL I WANT YOU TO DO IS TAKE OUT YOUR *FRUSTRATION* ON THE *CITY*.

GLADLY.

YOU *SURE* ABOUT THIS, BOSS?

I'M SURE.

RELEASE HIM.

"RELEASE
THE BEAST."

KR000M!

I KNEW
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN.

WELL, NOT THIS,
SPECIFICALLY.

I DIDN'T PREDICT A
CITY FLOODING WITH
MASKED PRISONERS...

...AND A RAMPAGING
ELEPHANT MAN.

TOO!



BUT AS SOON AS HEARTLESS KILLED BLOCKBUSTER, I KNEW OTHERS WOULD SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY. SEE THIS AS A CITY FOR THE TAKING.

ORACLE. WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF ARMED PEOPLE MOVING OUT FROM THE PRISON ALONG EVERY ROAD.

I SEE IT ALL. EVERYTHING YOU'RE SEEING.

AND NIGHTWING, I ACCESSED THE PRISON SECURITY CAMERAS.

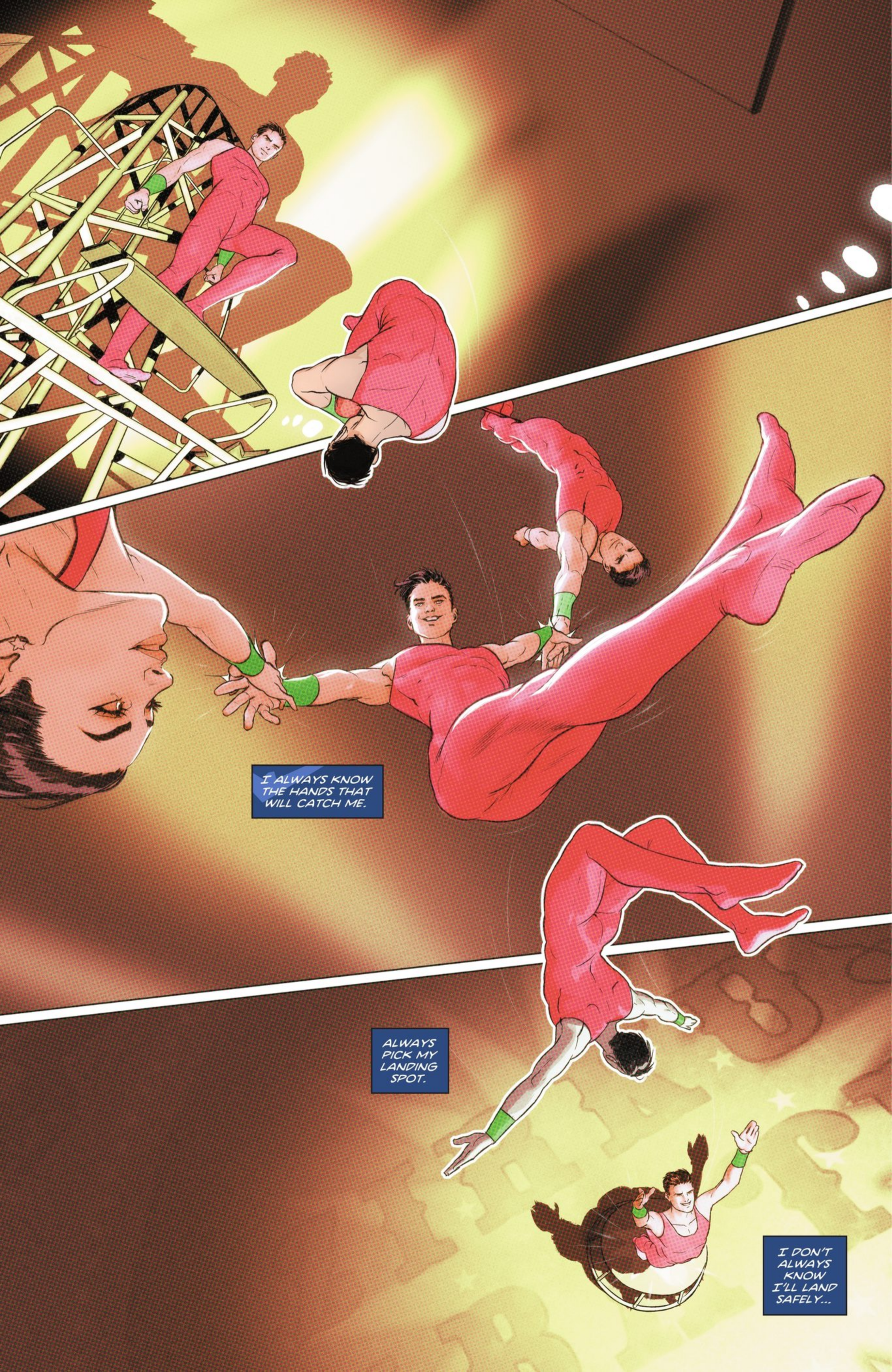
...IT'S HEARTLESS.

AND HE'S NOT HIDING.

MAKE THE CALL. OPERATION POWER SHIFT.

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN UNTIL THEY GET HERE.

I ALWAYS LOOK BEFORE I LEAP.



I ALWAYS KNOW
THE HANDS THAT
WILL CATCH ME.

ALWAYS
PICK MY
LANDING
SPOT.

I DON'T
ALWAYS
KNOW
I'LL LAND
SAFELY...



...BUT I
ALWAYS
LEAP.











BEFORE
WE DO
THIS...



...I KNOW
THE PRISON
HELD A LOT OF
PEOPLE WHO
DIDN'T DESERVE
TO BE
THERE.

IT WAS
DESIGNED
FOR *PROFIT*,
NOT FOR
JUSTICE.

THE MAN
YOU'RE RIOTING
FOR IS A *SERIAL
KILLER*. HE TAKES
PARENTS FROM
CHILDREN.



ANYONE
WHO DOESN'T
WANT TO BE
FIGHTING FOR
THAT KIND OF
MONSTER, *TAKE
OFF THE
MASK*.

I USED TO SAY BLÜDHAVEN
DOESN'T HAVE THE MADNESS
OF GOTHAM. IT'S JUST *CRUEL*.



AND
THEN
WHAT?

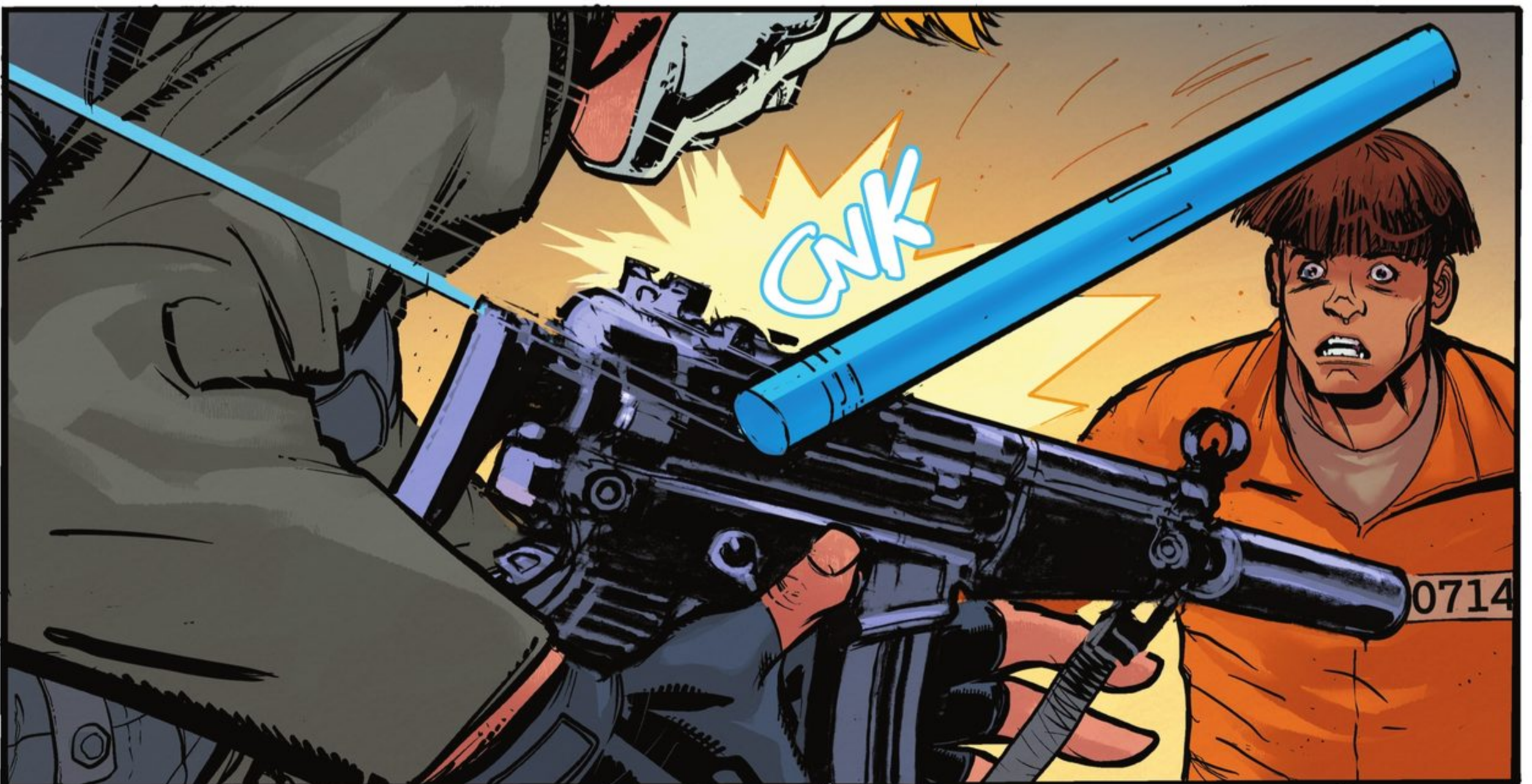
AND THEN,
I'LL ASK YOU
TO EITHER WALK
AWAY OR,
PREFERABLY,
HELP.

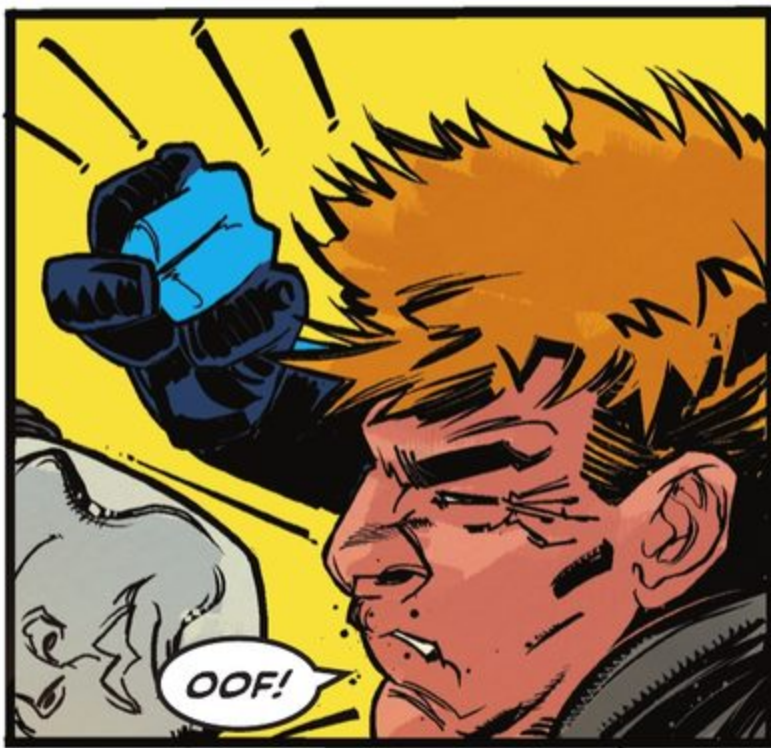
PLEASE.



AND THE
PROBLEM
IS *CRUELTY*
TEACHES
CRUELTY.

HA!
YOU THINK
THEY'RE GOING
TO STOP JUST
BECAUSE YOU
ASKED?







BOOM







TITANS.
GO.





CRUSH.
YOU.



I DON'T THINK SO.



STAY.
DOWN.





THIS,
MR. ZUCCO?

IT'S JUST A BIT OF
FUN. AND A *REMINDER*
THAT BLÜDHAVEN *CAN'T* BE
CONTROLLED. BUT WE'RE
NOT GOING TO CHANGE
ANYTHING TODAY.



IF I'M BEING
HONEST, TODAY
WAS LARGELY
ABOUT MEETING
YOU.

WHY? WHAT
DO YOU WANT
FROM *ME*?

I WAS
HOPING WE
COULD *WORK*
TOGETHER.
I'M *SUCH*
A FAN.



YOU'RE
TONY ZUCCO.
YOU CHANGED
MY LIFE.

YOU'RE
THE MAN WHO
KILLED THE FLYING
GRAYSONS.



ORACLE.
I HAVE
HEARTLESS IN
MY SIGHTS. HE'S
WITH TONY
ZUCCO.

THAT'S
CONCERNING.

YEAH.
I'M GOING
TO BREAK IT
UP BEFORE
AN UNHOLY
ALLIANCE IS
FORMED.



IT'S
NIGHTWING!



I HAVE
A **PLAN** FOR
DICK GRAYSON,
AND I THINK
IT WOULD BE...
EXCITING TO
HAVE YOU
INVOLVED.

HE'S COMING.
HE'S RIGHT
THERE.

DON'T
WORRY...



"...NIGHTWING
WILL BE TAKEN
CARE OF."

KGBEAST
WEIGHS ABOUT
280 POUNDS.

I'VE STRENGTHENED
THE CABLE OVER
THE YEARS.

THUD

HNF!

POP

HNGG.

BUT THE FAIL POINT
OF MY SHOULDER
HASN'T CHANGED.

CRASH

14

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ANATOLI KNYAZEV IS CYBERNETICALLY ENHANCED.

FAST.

STRONG.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THIS *GREAT STRATEGIST*. WAS YOUR PLAN REALLY TO *FALL* THREE STORIES ONTO A *PARKED CAR*?

HE'S ONE OF THE GREATEST FIGHTERS IN THE WORLD.

HRAARGH!

AND ONE OF THE MOST RUTHLESS KILLERS.

AND I'M DOWN TO ONE ARM.

BECAUSE AS *STRATEGIES* GO, CHOOSING ONE WHERE YOU SUFFER *BLUNT-FORCE TRAUMA* SEEMS *PRETTY STUPID*.

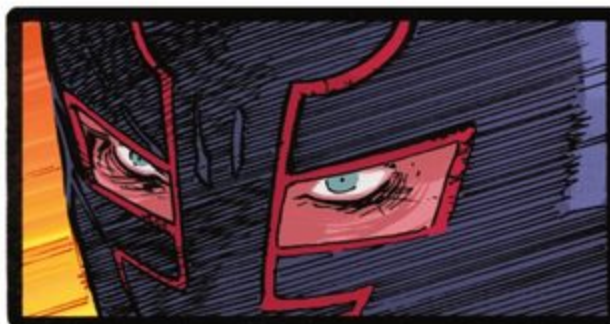
YOU ALWAYS TALK SO MUCH.

I'M GOING TO *SILENCE* YOU.

SURE. KGBEAST TENDS TO SPEAK IN CLICHÉS, BUT HE'S NOT TO BE UNDERESTIMATED. I KNOW...



...BECAUSE HE ONCE PUT
A BULLET IN MY BRAIN.



BUT HE'S ONLY
FIGHTING FOR
HIS HURT PRIDE.



I HAVE
MORE TO
FIGHT FOR.



I'M NOT
FIGHTING
FOR MYSELF.



I'M FIGHTING
FOR A CITY. FOR
ITS PEOPLE.



FOR ITS
HEART.



YOU'RE
OUTNUMBERED.

END OF
THE ROAD,
HERO.



HA!

THREE SECONDS,
NIGHTWING.



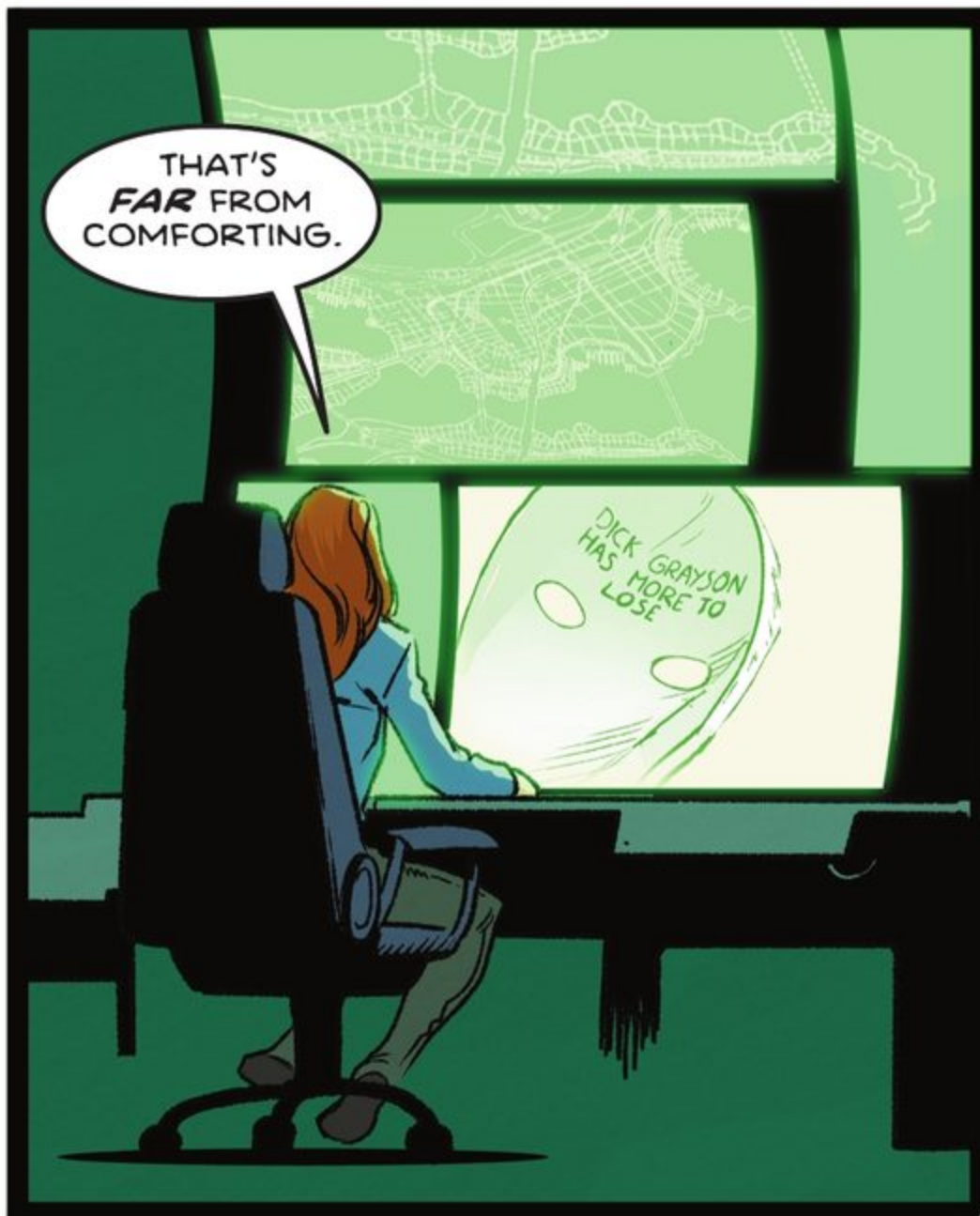
NAH.

TWO
SECONDS.

SEE, YOU
MAY HAVE
GOONS...









YOU'RE ABOUT TO HAVE COMPANY.

CAN WE HELP?



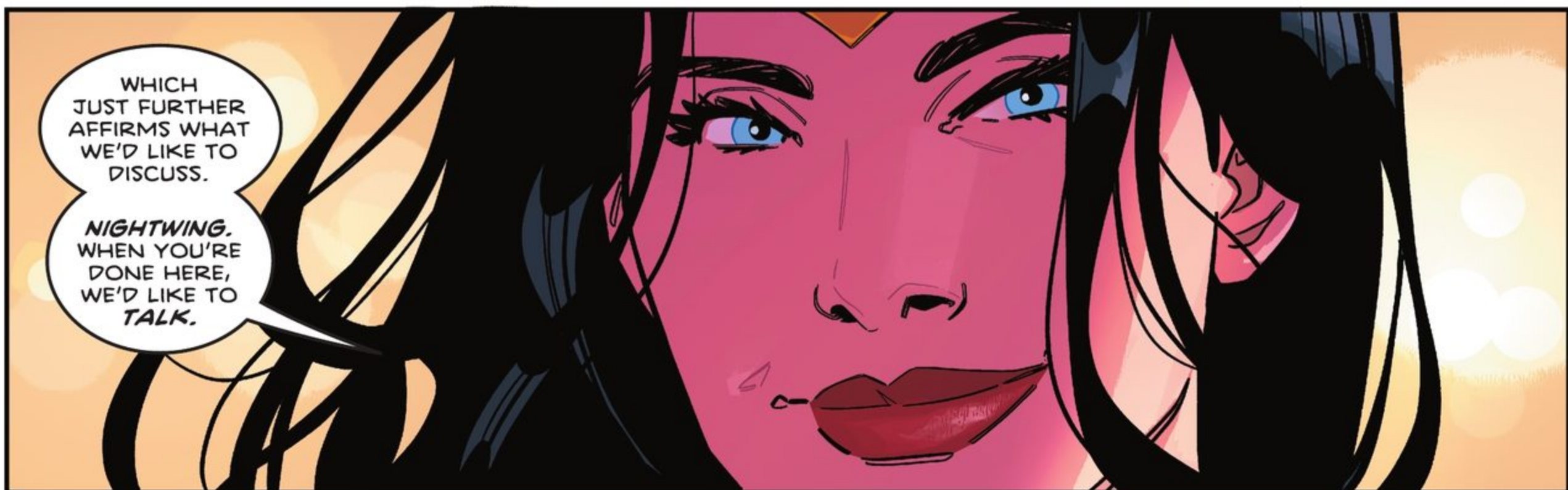
AH, WE KIND OF HAVE EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF.



I CAN SEE THAT.

I'M SURE WE COULD FIND YOU SOMETHING TO DO. I MEAN, YOU'RE PRETTY USEFUL PEOPLE.

THAT'S OKAY. YOU CLEARLY HAVE THINGS UNDER CONTROL.



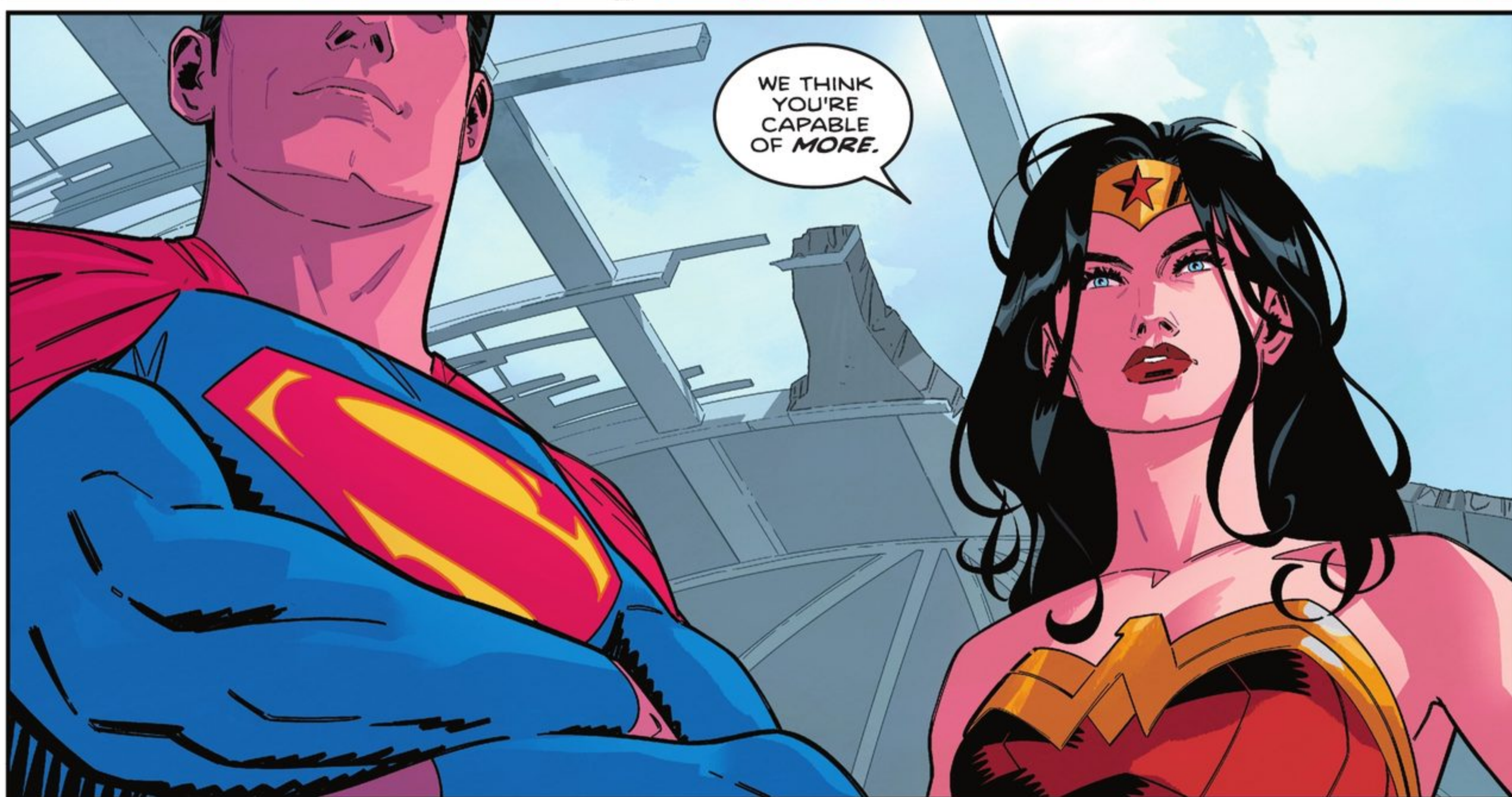
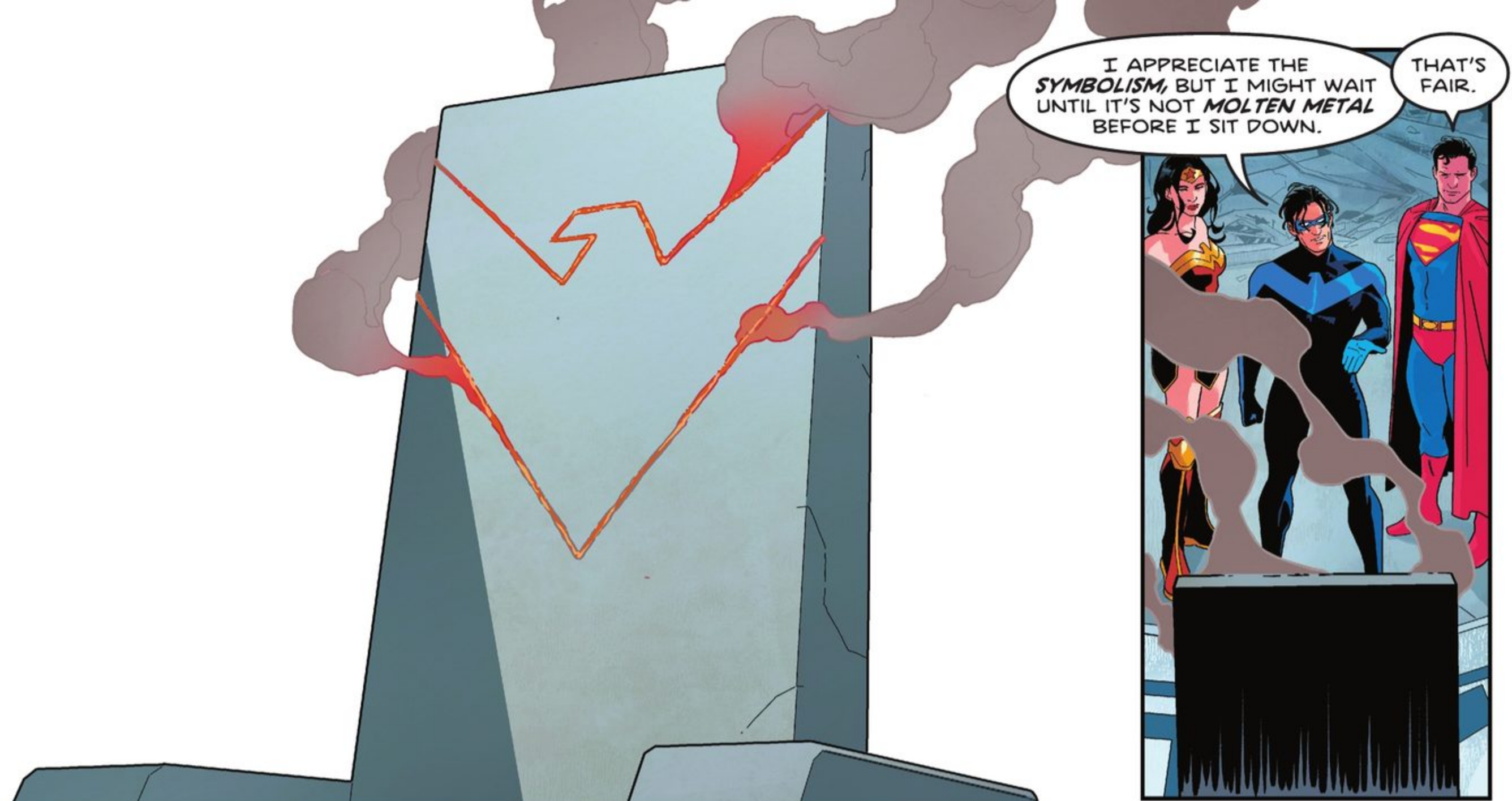
WHICH JUST FURTHER AFFIRMS WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DISCUSS.

NIGHTWING. WHEN YOU'RE DONE HERE, WE'D LIKE TO TALK.

THE HALL OF JUSTICE... WELL, IT'S THE BROKEN RUBBLE OF JUSTICE NOW.

THERE WAS A CRISIS. THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WAS GONE.







WE WANT YOU TO **LEAD**.

WHAT YOU DID DURING THE **CRISIS**. WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR **BLÜDHAVEN**.

IT'S...WELL, IT WAS ALL VERY **IMPRESSIVE**. AND NOT IN ANY WAY **SURPRISING** FOR THOSE OF US WHO KNOW YOU WELL.



WHILE WE'RE DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, THE EARTH WILL STILL NEED PROTECTION. WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE WOULD BE UP TO **YOU**.

YOU ARE A WARRIOR. AND A **MAN OF PEACE**. WE HAVE **EVERY CONFIDENCE** IN YOU.



YOU WANT ME TO GUARD THE **PLANET**?

WE DO.

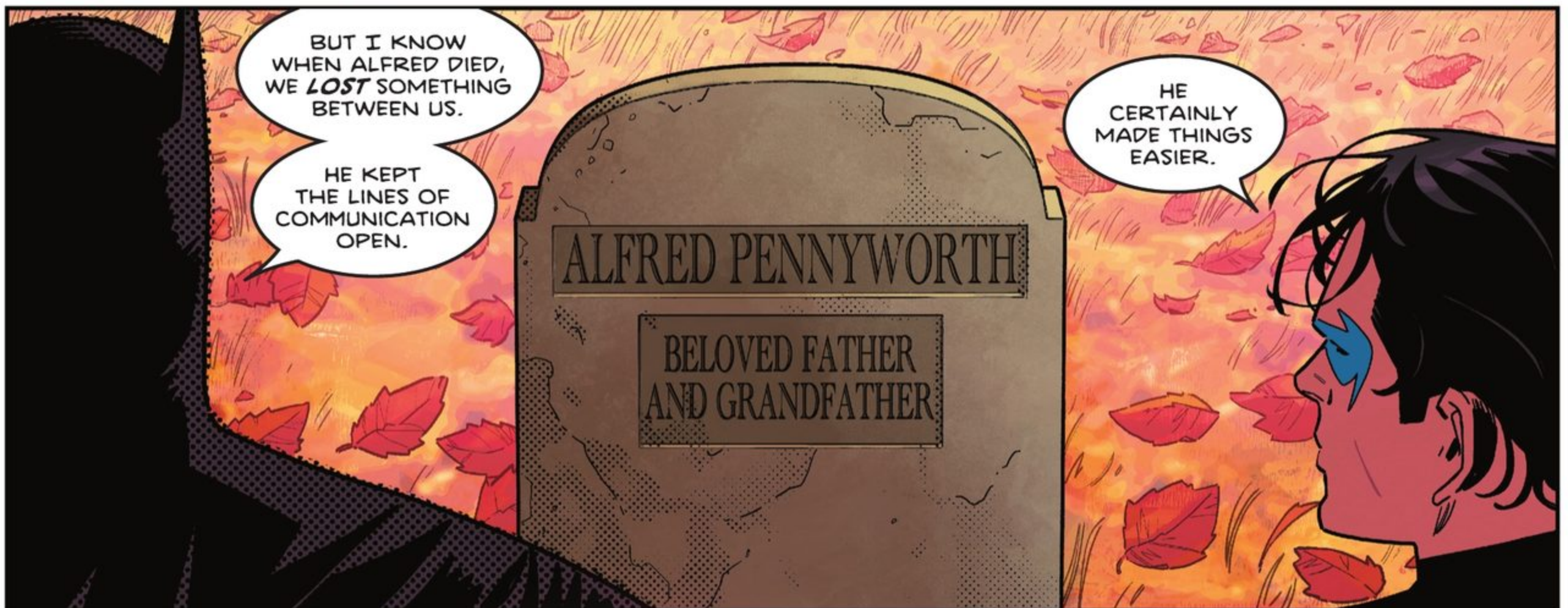
RIGHT. NO PRESSURE.

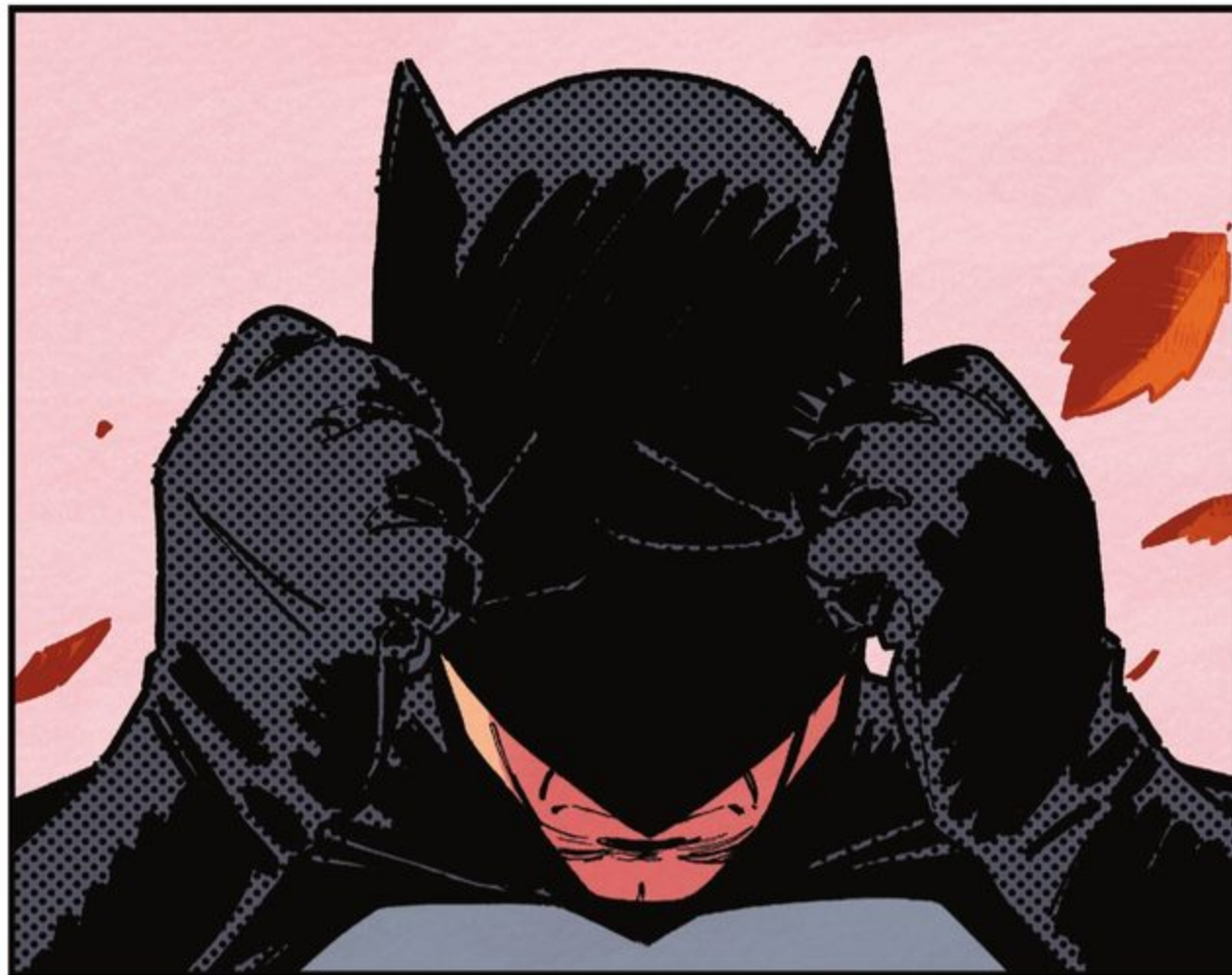
WE COULDN'T THINK OF SAFER HANDS FOR OUR WORLD TO BE IN.



BLÜDHAVEN NEEDS MY HELP MORE THAN EVER RIGHT NOW.

I NEED TO THINK ABOUT ALL THIS.









YOU **NEVER** FAILED ME.

YOU WERE **YOUNG**, YOU WERE **DRIVEN**, AND YOU WERE **GRIEVING**. AND YOU PUT ALL THAT ASIDE TO TAKE IN A KID WHO LOST **EVERYTHING** IN AN INSTANT.



YOU **DIDN'T** HAVE TO DO THAT. YOU **COULD** HAVE TURNED YOUR BACK ON ME.

NO, I COULDN'T.

NO. YOU **COULDN'T**. AND I'VE TRIED TO REPAY THAT KINDNESS EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE SINCE.



IF I'M GOING TO LEAD, I'M GOING TO NEED YOUR GUIDANCE MORE THAN EVER.



I MEAN IT. I'M GOING TO BE BUGGING YOU **A LOT**.

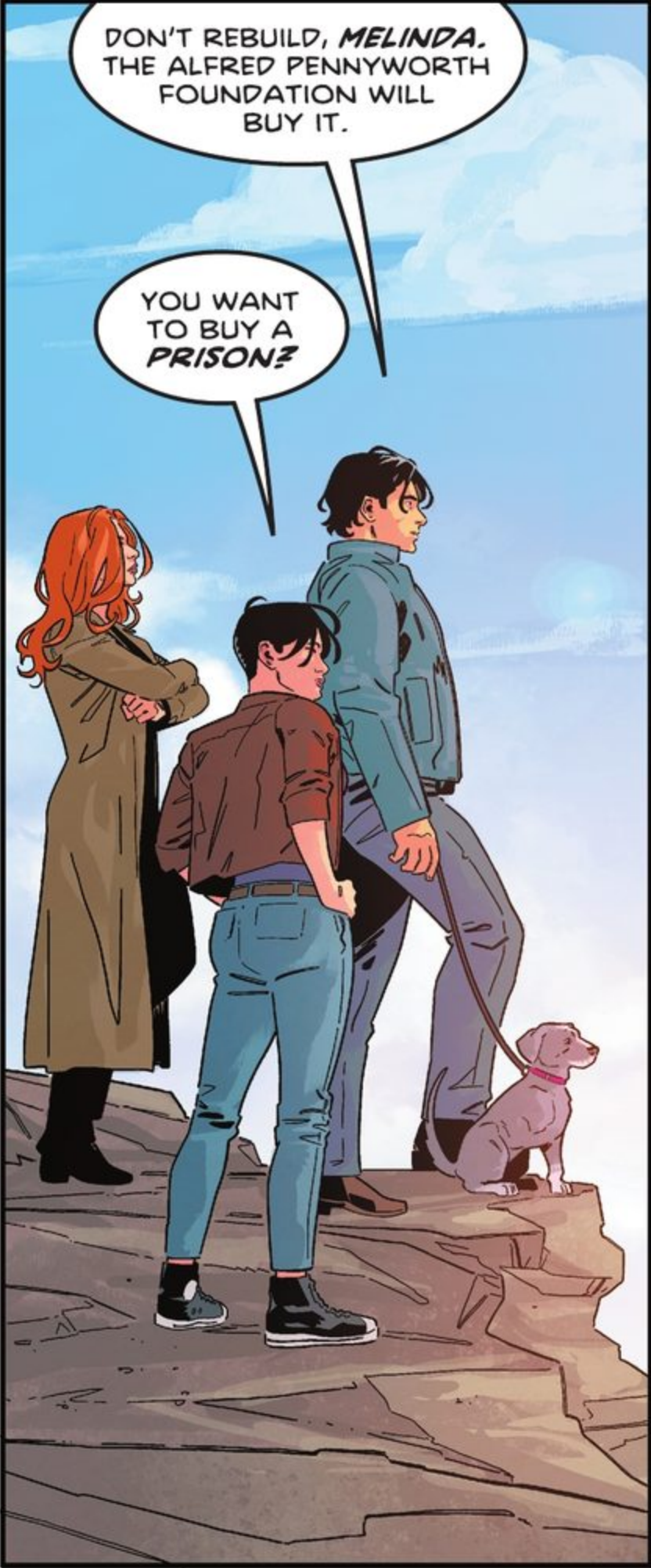
I'LL BE HERE FOR WHATEVER YOU NEED.

I KNOW YOU WILL.



I LOVE YOU, DAD.

Blüdhaven.
A day later.







YOU'RE GOING TO OWN A PRISON.

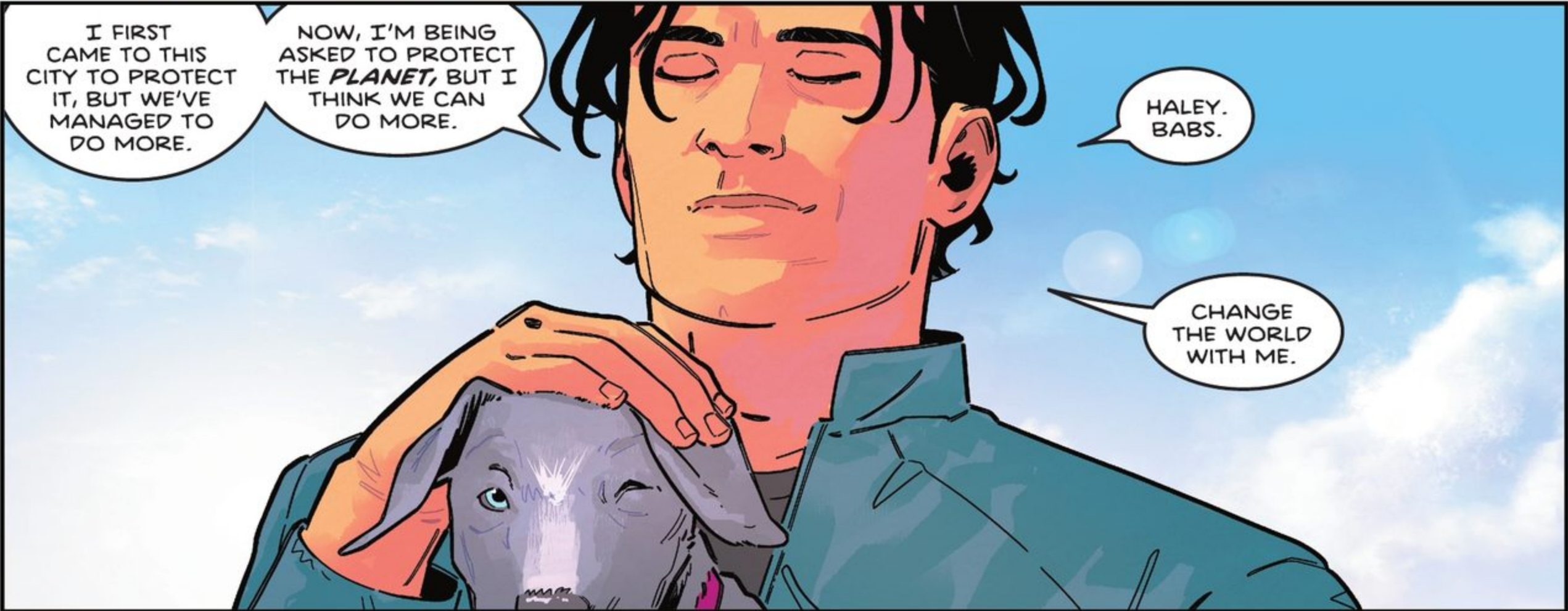
NOT FOR LONG.



WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, BOY WONDER?



I'M THINKING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SYMBOLS.



I FIRST CAME TO THIS CITY TO PROTECT IT, BUT WE'VE MANAGED TO DO MORE.

NOW, I'M BEING ASKED TO PROTECT THE *PLANET*, BUT I THINK WE CAN DO MORE.

HALEY. BABS.

CHANGE THE WORLD WITH ME.



SURE. HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT?

I'M BEING ASKED TO LEAP...



...AND I KNOW
WHERE I WANT
TO LAND.

A month later.

I
USUALLY
WORK
NIGHTS.

BUT I
WANTED TO
STAND AT THE
ENTRANCE TO
BLÜDHAVEN TO
SPEAK TO YOU
ALL AT THE
START OF A
NEW DAY.



CRIMINALS
AND SUPER-VILLAINS
HAVE BEEN FIGHTING
FOR CONTROL OF
THIS CITY, THINKING
THEY CAN BECOME
THE POWER.

THEY
CANNOT.

THERE'S
ALREADY A
NEW POWER IN
BLÜDHAVEN.



BLÜDHAVEN
HAS BECOME A
PLACE THAT **HELPS**,
RATHER THAN
HURTS.

WE'RE
HOPING
TO **EXTEND**
THIS.



I'M READY TO LEAD, BUT
I WON'T DO IT ALONE. I
AM READY TO GUARD
THE WORLD, BUT I WON'T
ABANDON MY CITY.

IT IS
TIME FOR **NEW
GUARDIANS.**

IT IS
TIME FOR
BLÜDHAVEN
TO **HELP** THE
WORLD.

BUT THIS IS
NOT THE
TIME FOR
THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE.

THIS IS THE
TIME FOR
SOMETHING
ELSE.





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TO FIGHT**

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NIGHTWING #100

Since *Nightwing* #78, writer Tom Taylor and artist Bruno Redondo have helmed one of the most iconic runs for the fan-favorite hero.

As the series hits a momentous 100th issue, DC celebrates with some familiar artists from Dick Grayson's past, including Scott McDaniel, Rick Leonardi, Eddy Barrows, and Javier Fernandez, each joining Redondo.

"If you know us a bit, you're aware we love to look to the past and future of the character to build his present...that's all I can say so far."

—Bruno Redondo

"Nightwing has transformed an entire city. He's taken down crime bosses and corrupt law enforcement. He's faced demons and assassins. We always said Nightwing was an A-lister. Now, it's time for Dick Grayson to truly become the heart of the DC Universe."

—Tom Taylor



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